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SUBJECT: HMG STRESSES U.S.-UK COORDINATION ON AFGHANISTAN
STRATEGY

REF: 11/16/09 LONDON DAILY REPORT (NOTAL) Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Richard LeBaron for reasons 1.4 b and d

1. (C/NF) Summary. Karen Pierce (Protect), the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) Director for South Asia and Afghanistan, told the Polit
Allied Unity -----

2. (C/NF) The UK favors close coordination and frequent consultation regarding the way forward in Afghanistan among the "Quad" nations, Karen
Linking the U.S. and UK Messages -----

3. (C/NF) Pierce observed that HMG is eagerly awaiting President Obama's decision and would appreciate as much insight as possible on when th

4. (C/NF) Pierce underscored the importance of linking up U.S.-UK strategies, so that "our public messages will be the same." She expressed c

5. (C/NF) Thomas Burn (Protect), who covers external Pakistan political issues in the FCO, said the U.S. could play a positive role in persue
An International Conference -----

6. (C/NF) Pierce stated that PM Brown has offered London as a venue for a conference in early January aimed at reaffirming the international
Convincing the British Public -----

7. (C/NF) Pierce stated that Prime Minister Brown, Foreign Secretary Miliband, and Defence Secretary Ainsworth will continue their efforts t
Comment -----

8. (C/NF) HMG sources have underscored that PM Brown is personally committed to and is overseeing the UK's engagement in Afghanistan. This i
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